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November 2018

Respect and Responsibility

Through November, The Garrison Road staff will be spending a little extra time exploring what *respect* and *responsibility* mean in the context of the life of a student. Our *Stand Up Committee* will also be issuing a kindness challenge to all of our students on *DSBN Random Acts of Kindness Day* (November 2). They will be challenging each of our students to commit at least five acts of kindness per day. Examples of random acts of kindness include everything from holding a door open for someone to helping someone who is hurt to feeding the birds. In addition to showing kindness to others, research supports that those who exhibit kindness toward others experience increased happiness themselves! We will be inviting students and staff to share what kindness means to them. If you would like to share what kindness means to you,

please visit our office to pick up a card! (We will display them in our foyer.)

In November, we will be encouraging students to engage in a valuable math learning tool through a DreamBox challenge. You can find more information about the challenge later in this newsletter!

This newsletter includes some important information about upcoming events as well as recognition for some students who have had a great month, in the area of athletics and/or because they have shown great respect and/or responsibility at school!

Between newsletters, please check the Garrison Road [website](#) for important information! Also feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns!

Mrs. Racey & Mrs. Rice

Remembrance Day

On Friday, November 9th, there will be a ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in our gymnasium to help our students understand the significance of Remembrance Day. Parents and Garrison Road family members are welcome to attend. Poppy

stickers will be distributed to students prior to the ceremony. We will be hearing important messages and participating in a moment of silence for students to respect and understand this important tribute.

If you are planning to attend the Fort Erie Remembrance Day service with one of our students, please let us know because we are looking for someone to lay a wreath on behalf of our school.

Volleyball

Congratulations to the following intermediate students on making the volleyball teams this year! Thank you to all who came to the try outs. The coaches appreciated your efforts!

Intermediate boys—
 Bryson D, Nathan Z, Blake C, Owen S, Jase B, Chris D, Kian B, Hunter H, Daylin J, Owen H, Noah G, Jake C.

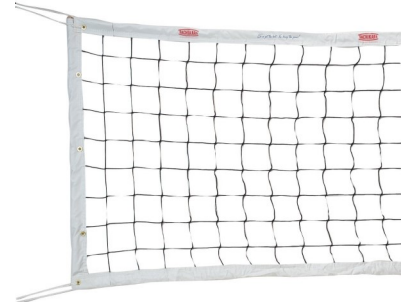
Intermediate Girls—
 Emmah G, Mya D, Alyssa R, Claire C, Avaia M, Amelia S, Tianna B, Makenna M, Jordyn M, Joseah S, Mackenzie C, Alexandra G, and Team Manager Kayla B.

Our intermediate volleyball season is well underway and they have been practicing since earlier in October

to prepare for tournaments upcoming in November.

Thanks to Mrs. Furry and Mr. Barnhardt and Mr. Timbers for coaching the teams!

Our juniors have just begun tryouts and their season will begin early in November.



Intramural Volleyball

In October, many of our Intermediate students participated in Intramural Volleyball.

Congratulations to the following members of our championship team:

Kian B, Jase B, Branden C, Chris D, Emmah G, Avaia M, Jordyn M, Makenna M, Skye O, Lucas P

In November, our Junior students will be invited to build volleyball skills and participate in games. Our Intermediate students will assist with skill-building activities!

Thanks to Mr. Warkentin who organizes this healthy and fun break-time activity!

Picture Retakes

While proofs from the first round of pictures will go home this week, retakes are scheduled for November 22. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like your child to have his/her picture retaken on November 22.





DSBN Parent Involvement Conference

Registration for this year's Parent Involvement Committee Conference is only available online. If you are interested in attending this worthwhile event, and are unable to register online or need some support in doing so, please stop by the office and we will support you in registering for this amazing evening of learning and free workshops!

Parent Council/Parent Association

The Parent Council/Parent Association held a meeting on October 23rd. At that meeting we discussed matters relating to the learning agenda, school function, and fundraising. Our Parent Association has organized the Christmas Fundraiser which offered poinsettias, door swags, and porch pots from The Mill with a portion of the sales supporting our school. For those

who took advantage of the fundraiser, coupons will be sent home the week of November 12.

Our next meeting was set for November 27 but because of GFESS Grade 8 Open House we will change the date. We will communicate that when we have it via web site, email and phone. We welcome all parents and guardians to the meetings. Please

consider joining us!

Our Parent Council Chair is Meaghan Coopman. If you'd like to communicate with her, please leave her a message at our main office.

Note: We are looking for Bingo Volunteers! This is a very easy way to help raise a lot of funds for our school! Contact the school if you think you can devote 2 or 4 hours a month!



Recognition for Extraordinary Greyhounds

In October, Garrison Road staff were on the lookout for students who consistently demonstrated *respect and responsibility*. The students listed below did just that and set a positive example for others in the Garrison Road community. Their actions ranged from always being kind, to working hard to understand and complete tasks, to showing enthusiasm for a difficult task, to helping organize

activities for other students. They were recognized at an assembly on October 29th and they will have their pictures placed on Garrison Road's Wall of Fame/Tableau d'honneur.

This month's honorees:

By Mme Amato—Lilly G and Bianca C

By Mrs. Renshaw—Nicole S and Audrey P

By Mrs. Andeson—Kiera Mac, Payton D, Henry F

By Mrs. Gracey—Maddy G, Lucas P

By Mr. Timbers—Ella H, John L

By Mrs. Thomas—Owen, Brock, Mack

By Mr. Wilcox—Marisa

By Mr. Barnhardt—Cameron S
By Mrs. Greco—Sadie D, Madden G

Mrs. Sally—Jack S, Mackenzie A, Braedyn M

By Mrs. Furry—Kayla B

By Mr. Warkentin—Chris D, Owen S, Bryson D, *Emmah G

*Yet to receive certificate





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HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

SHINE LIKE THE STAR YOU ARE!
NOVEMBER 26 - 29, 2018

A.N. MYER Nov. 29 6:30 pm	BEAMSVILLE Nov. 28 6:00 pm	E.L. CROSSLEY Nov. 27 6:30 pm	EASTDALE Nov. 29 6:00 pm	EDEN Nov. 29 6:30 pm	GREATER FORT ERIE Nov. 27 6:00 pm
GRIMSBY Nov. 27 6:00 pm	GOVERNOR SIMCOE Nov. 26 6:00 pm	LAURA SECORD Nov. 28 6:00 pm	PORT COLBORNE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL Nov. 26 6:00 pm	
ST. CATHARINES COLLEGIATE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	STAMFORD Nov. 27 6:00 pm	THOROLD Nov. 27 6:30 pm	WESTLANE Nov. 28 6:30 pm	WELLAND CENTENNIAL Nov. 29 6:00 pm	

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dsbn.org/highschoolopenhouses [#DSBNHighSchool](https://twitter.com/DSBNHighSchool)



Keeping Our School Safe and Healthy

If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. The Plan of Care form is a new document that replaces the Emergency Action Plan. All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. You can download the forms here dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions. For more information, please contact the office.

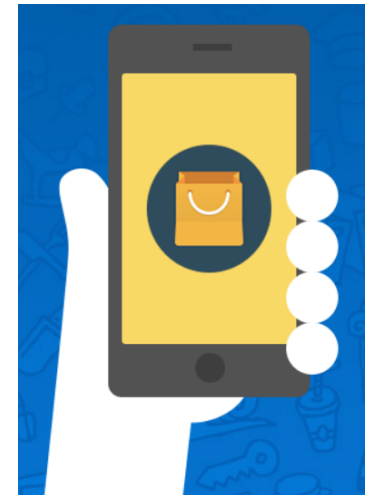
School Cash Online

With School Cash Online, you will be able to approve permission forms and make payments for items online. Understanding that we're quickly becoming a cashless society, we know it can sometimes be a challenge to find exact change for items and then send it to school through your child's backpack. Using School Cash Online, you'll be able to use your debit, credit card

or cheque to make quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases.

School Cash Online is a safe, reliable portal that will ensure the security of your information. The system is already active. You are able to gain access through the School Cash button which has been placed

on our school website. We are asking that you click on the button and follow the simple instructions to register. Registration should take less than five minutes. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again! If you require some assistance registering for School Cash Online, please visit the office and we will be happy to help you get started!.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

On the evening of Thursday, November 15, parents and guardians will have the opportunity to meet with teachers regarding the progress of their child/children. Please make sure to complete the form sent home to indicate your preferred time for meeting with your child's teacher. On that evening we encourage you to visit the library to sign out a book. We will raffle off a prize to all families who sign out a book together. You can also purchase a Garrison Road cinch sac for \$5.00 to carry out your books. All proceeds from the sale of the sacs go to purchases of new books.

Me to We “We Scare Hunger” Campaign

Students of our Me to We Club organized our “We Scare Hunger” Campaign in order to collect non-perishable food items for Cope. The students presented at our assembly, monitored the collection of the food items at school, and collected food on the evening of Halloween. As of Halloween evening, our school community collected

more 1400 non-perishable food items! We thank all who donated and commend those members of Me to We who showed kindness and commitment in bringing this plan to life.

Me to We “We Scare Hunger” student organizers: Emmah G, Hailey M, Melanie N, Madison A, Owen G, Kayla B,

Alyssa S, Makenna M, Jordyn M, Velouria R, Sarah E, McKenna T, Charlie S, Owen H, Garrett S, Devlin K

Next, the Me to We Club will meet to explore how they can continue to help others.

Thanks to Mrs. Gracey and Ms. Vigna who organize this selfless group of individuals!



DreamBox Challenge!

DreamBox Learning®'s Math Program is an online, Intelligent Adaptive Learning™ program that helps all students improve proficiency, conceptual understanding, and automaticity related to the K-8 Math curriculum.

In order to promote this very valuable program, we are running a DreamBox Challenge at Garrison Road. For this challenge, we will calculate average (mean) lessons completed dur-

ing each month for each class. The class with the highest average for each month in each division will earn a prize. We will also honour the students who complete the most lessons each month. Their names will be published in the next newsletter. Finally, each student will be entered into a draw one time for every 20 lessons completed in a month. We will draw names from each division to win prizes.

Your child can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using the following link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/garrisonrp>

To access DreamBox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. Use this School Code: **42cv/garrisonrp**



Please note: We recommend that students work on DreamBox independently! If you watch your child work on it and you think it is too hard, please let us know!

**GARRISON ROAD SCHOOL
 IS PARTICIPATING IN
 NOVEMBER THIS NOVEMBER!**

**YOU MAY NOTICE A FEW NEW MUSTACHES AND
 SOME MISSING MUSTACHES. WE HAVE ADDED
 OR SUBTRACTED OUR STACHES TO RAISE MONEY
 FOR CANCER RESEARCH.**

**STARTING TUESDAY NOV. 6TH STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE
 TO PURCHASE A DAY IN NOVEMBER TO HAVE A STAFF MEMBER
 WEAR A STICK ON !
 MUSTACHES DAYS WILL BE \$2.**

Indigenous Education Advisory Council

On behalf of the District School Board of Niagara, parents are invited to attend the 2018-2019 Indigenous Education Advisory Council (IEAC). If parents are interested, please email indigenous@dsbn.org. Meeting dates are provided below.

IEAC MEETINGS 2018-2019	TIME	LOCATION
November 15, 2018	12:00 - 3:30 p.m.	District School Board of Niagara
January 24, 2019	12:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Niagara Regional Native Centre
April 18, 2019	12:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre
June 6, 2019	12:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Thorold



Garrison Road Staff

Ms. Teague is an Educational Assistant and she has recently joined our staff. Ms. Harasty has accepted a position in a homeroom class at another school and we welcome Ms. Brown who has assumed that position which has her teaching a variety of subjects in a variety of grades. We also welcome Ms. Greco who will be teaching Grade 6 while Mrs. Schoonings is on a leave. Finally, Ms. Fretz (Educational Assistant) has recently begun a leave and Ms. Wolbert will be taking over for her.

Staff

L. McAlpine	KDG1
J. Tummillo	KDG2
A. Beteau (Stouffer)	KDG3
S. Mcphee	1-1
K. Vigna	1-2
P. Renshaw	2-1
K. VanHelvert	2-2
E. Anderson	2/3
S. Thomas	3-1
R. Timbers	3/4 (LTO)
M. Brewster	4-1
R. Barnhardt	4/5
C. Wilcox	5/6
K. Greco	6-1 (LTO)
L. Sally	6-2
R. Gracey	7-1
D. Warkentin	8-1
M. Furry	8-2
J. Rossi	BRIDGE
N. Amato	SEF1
J. Arnold	SEF2 (LTO)
D. Garvey	SEF3
H. Wagnleithner	SEFS
K. Spurrell	SESP
T. Reece	Core French (LTO)
C. Cassidy	Teacher Librarian
J. Brown	Prep (LTO)
T. Garrah	Prep
F. Beifuss	LRT
S. Traves	LRT (0.75)/Prep (0.25)

A. Foresi	EA
S. Severin	EA
J. Bervoets	EA
J. Meredith	EA
N. Hasmatali	EA (0.5)
B. Carver	EA
S. Thompson	EA
B. Garrels	EA
A. Marko	EA
I. Teague	EA (0.5)
R. Wolbert	EA (LTO)
B. Naundorff	EA BRIDGE
J. Bosnjak	DECE (LTO)
J. Tisi-Strohak	DECE (LTO)
A. Scheffold	DECE
W. Williamson	Head Caretaker
S. Foebel	Assistant Caretaker
H. Fisko	Assistant Caretaker
K. Brisbois	Secretary
A. Wright	Secretary
K. Racey	Principal
J. Rice	Vice Principal
C. Hartzema	Noon Hour Supervisor
H. Pollard	Noon Hour Supervisor
J. Pollard	Noon Hour Supervisor
M. Milton	Instructional Coach
J. Grundy	Youth Counsellor
L. Ralston	Social Worker

Please mark your calendars...

- November 1—DreamBox Challenge begins!
- November 2—DSBN Random Acts of Kindness Day (Kindness Challenge begins!)
- November 6—Grade 6 Bingo Fundraiser at Golden Nugget
- November 7—Parent Involvement Conference
- November 9—Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11—Remembrance Day
- November 14—Grade 8 Day at GFESS
- November 15—Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 16—PA Day (No classes)
- November 22—Picture Retakes
- November 27—GFESS Open House
- November 30—Student Recognition Assembly

*Date of November Parent Council/Parent Association Meeting to be determined (We will communicate the date via our web site and phone/email once we have it).



Elementary School Year Calendar 2018-2019

September	October	November	December	January
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30
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■ Professional Development Day
 ■ Holiday
 ■ Early Release Day

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 3, 2018 Labour Day
- September 4, 2018 First Day of School
- September 14, 2018 Early Release Day
- October 5, 2018 Professional Development Day
- October 8, 2018 Thanksgiving Day
- November 14, 2018 Professional Development Day
- December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019 Winter Break
- January 7, 2019 First Day of Class After Winter Break
- February 14, 2019 Professional Development Day
- February 18, 2019 Professional Development Day
- February 19, 2019 Family Day
- March 11 - 15, 2019 March Break
- April 18, 2019 Good Friday
- April 22, 2019 Easter Monday
- May 27, 2019 Professional Development Day
- May 28, 2019 Victoria Day
- June 7, 2019 Professional Development Day
- June 27, 2019 Last Day of School for Students
- June 28, 2019 Professional Development Day

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Professional Development Day

It will be a Professional Development Day across the entire District School Board of Niagara on Friday, November 16th. Teachers will be working at the school but there will be no school for students.

Please mark this day on your calendar so that arrangements can

be made for child care.

The 2018-2019 Elementary School Year Calendar can be found on the DSBN web site. There you can find dates of holidays and Professional Development Days.